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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

93rd plenary meeting

Volcano eruption in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

The President of the General Assembly, on behalf of the General Assembly, extended his deepest sympathy to the Government and the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo for the tragic loss of life and extensive material damage which had resulted from the recent volcano eruption.

Scale of assessments of the apportionment of expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/56/780 and Add.1) [125]

The General Assembly took note of a letter from the Secretary-General (A/56/780) concerning 25 Member States which were in arrears in the payment of their financial contributions to the United Nations within the terms of Article 19 of the Charter.

The General Assembly also took note that Armenia had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Charter (A/56/780/Add.1).

Report of the Economic and Social Council: draft resolution (A/56/L.68/Rev.1) [12]

The representative of Venezuela made a statement in the course of which she introduced draft resolution A/56/L.68/Rev.1.

The representative of Romania made a statement.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.68/Rev.1 (resolution 56/258).

The representative of the United States made a statement on a point of order.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal: solemn appeal made by the President of the General Assembly in connection with the observance of the Olympic Truce (A/56/795) [23]

The General Assembly took note of the solemn appeal made by the President of the General Assembly in connection with the observance of the Olympic Truce.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 23.

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session appear in Part II (English/French) of the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 2002/23 (Part II)).

Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children: draft resolution (A/56/L.71) [26]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.71 (resolution 56/259).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 26.

Adoption of the agenda, allocation of the items and organization of work [8]

The General Assembly decided to consider agenda item 110 directly in plenary meeting, and agreed to proceed immediately to the consideration of the item.

Crime prevention and criminal justice: draft resolutions (A/56/L.69 and A/56/L.70) [110]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.69 (resolution 56/260).

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/56/L.70 (resolution 56/261).

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 110.

Committees

THIRD COMMITTEE

58th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [117]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Australia, Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Lithuania, Indonesia, Canada, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Nigeria and New Zealand, as well as the observer for Palestine.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement on the organization of the Committee's work.

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